राष्ट्रीय उपभोक्ता सहकारी परिसंघ लिमिटेड द्वारा घटिया किस्म की चाय की खरीद

*185. **श्री राम अवधेश सिंह :** क्या **खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि राष्ट्रीय उपभोक्ता सहकारी परिसंघ लिमिटेड ने जुन, 1990 में प्रबंध निदेशक के साथ साठगांठ करके बैंकों से ऋण की व्यवस्था करके 1.5 करोड़ रुपये के मूल्य की चाय खरीदी थी;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि खरीदी गई चाय घटिया किस्म की है और इसीलिए वह बाजार में बिक नहीं रही है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो चाय की खरीद में धोखाधड़ी के लिए दोषी अधिकारी के विरुद्ध सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्री (श्री राव वीरेन्द्र सिंह) : (क) और (ख) राष्ट्रीय उपभोक्ता सहकारी संघ द्वारा जिन वस्तुओं का व्यापार किया जाता है, चाय उनमें से एक है । राष्ट्रीय उपभोक्ता सहकारी संघ ने सूचित किया है कि जून, 1990 माह में, उनके द्वारा गुवाहाटी नीलामी केंद्र से 3.80 लाख रु० मूल्य की 9 मी टन चाय की खरीद की गई थी । तथापि, 1-4-90 से 28-2-91 की अवधि के दौरान खरीदी गई चाय की मात्रा 310 मी टन (लगभग) है, जिसका मूल्य 1.33 करोड़ रुपये है । सरकारी नीलामी केंद्र से खरीदी गई चाय अधिकांशत: सीटीसी/बीपी/बीओपी की औसत कोटि की चाय थी । यह खरीद राष्ट्रीय उपभोक्ता सहकारी संघ द्वारा सामान्य व्यापार प्रक्रिया के अनुसार अपने बैंकरों से प्राप्त नकद ऋण सुविधाओं के माध्यम से की गई थी फरवरी, 1991 के अंत तक, चाय की बिक्री से 104.21 लाख रु० की राशि प्राप्त हुई है, जिससे राष्ट्रीय उपभोक्ता सहकारी संघ को लाभ हुआ है । शेष भंडार जून, 1991 तक, जब नई फसल आएगी, राष्ट्रीय उपभोक्ता सहकारी संघ की बिक्री आवश्यकताओं की पूर्ति करने के लिए है

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता

Extension of Support Price System

*186. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to extend the price support system to additional agricultural items or to give additional weightage to items like horticultural products, dairy products, poultry, fishery, oils, oil-seeds, pulses etc.; and

(b) whether any decision has been taken in this regard and if so, what further steps are being taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) and (b) The Government provides price support in respect of major agricultural commodities like cereals, pulses, oil-seeds, raw cotton, raw jute, tobacco and sugarcane for which procurement/minimum support prices are announced. In addition, price support is also provided for eggs and other commodities including horticultural products like grapes, kinoo, malta, mushroom, potato, onion, etc. under the Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) on specific requests from the State Governments on terms and conditions agreed to. No such request have been received from the State Governments for fishery and poultry products.

Prices of Palm Oil

*187. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN:

SHRI JAGESH DESAI:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the international price of Palm oil has gone down to

385 dollars per tonnes from 410 dollars in January, 1991 and is likely to go down further;

(b) whether Government propose to import Palm oil and if so, the quantity to be imported and when;

(c) what are the reasons that Government have increased the issue price by about 40 per cent; and

(d) whether the Chief Minister of Maharashtra has recently protested against the increase in the price of palm oil being distributed through the Public Distribution System and if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) International prices of RBD Palmolein which averaged during the month of January, 1991 at around US dollar 372 PMT FOB Malaysia had come down during the month of February, 1991 to a level of about US $ 355 PMT FOB. Freight/Insurance from Malaysia/Indonesia averages US $ 32 PMT. However, an increase in the international prices has been observed in the international market of palm oil in the first week of March, 1991.

(b) The quantum of edible oils to be imported is decided from time to time keeping in view of the availability of indigenous oils, release of foreign exchange, prices of imported oils in the international market and other factors relating to import. Considering the sensitive nature of edible oil market, it is not desirable in the public interest to disclose how much quantity and from where and when the purchases/imports would be made.

(c) and (d) The Central Issue Price of imported edible oil for PDS was previously revised on 1-9-1988. Since then international prices of oils and other inputs had increased considerably and it had, therefore, become necessary to increase the issue price from Rs. 13,150 PMT to Rs 16,500 PMT and Rs. 14,500 PMT to Rs. 19,000 PMT in respect of oil supplied in bulk (loose) and in 15 kg. respectively, with effect from 26th January, 1991, to cover break-even cost. It is also considered that a huge gap between the indigenous oil prices and PDS prices for imported oils would lead to diversion of PDS oil through unauthorised channels. The Government of Maharashtra have not favoured the increase in the issue price of imported edible oil on the grounds that this increase at present juncture might lead to price increase of other edible oils in the market. It has not been possible to agree to the views of Maharashtra Government in view of the above reasons.

Introduction of New Railway Services in Rajasthan

*188. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce new railway services in the State of Rajasthan during the year 1991-92;

(b) if so, the details therefor; and

(c) if not whether Government propose to introduce new railway routes in that State?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A tri-weekly Air-conditioned Express service between Bombay Central and New Delhi is under consideration which will serve the State of Rajasthan.

(c) A new 120 kilometer long broad gauge line between Mathura and Alwar (90 kms. in Rajasthan) is under construction which when completed will open a new route.

चीनी का उत्पादन

*189. श्री रणजीत सिंह :
श्री बलराम सिंह यादव :

क्या खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि वर्ष 1990-91 के चीनी पिराई वर्ष की प्रथम तिमाही के दौरान चीनी का उत्पादन